

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, 8-10, and 12 remain in the application with claim 1 having been amended hereby and claim 11 having been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1, 5, 8, and 12 under 35 USC 102(b), as being anticipated by Miyagawa et al.

Claim 11 has been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended hereby to include claim 11 in its entirety. Claim 11 has been cancelled. Claims 5, 8, and 12 all depend from claim 1.

Therefore, by reason of the allowable subject matter of claim 11 being added to claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 5, 8, and 12 are patentably distinct over the cited reference.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 9 and 10 under 35 USC 103, as being unpatentable over Miyagawa et al. in view of Myer et al.

Claims 9 and 10 depend from claim 1, which by reason of inclusion of the allowable subject matter therein, is now patentably distinct over Miyagawa et al.

Therefore, dependent claims 9 and 10 are also submitted to be patentably distinct over the cited references.

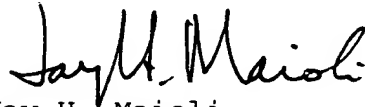
Accordingly, by reason of the amendment to claim 1 to

include the allowable subject matter of claim 11 and the cancellation of claim 11, it is respectfully submitted that all claims remaining in this application are now in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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